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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 65086

1. ROK AMBASSADOR HAN CALLED TODAY AND PASSED ON INFO RE APPROACHES HE HAS MADE TO GOU ON ABOVE SUBJECT. HE HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ACTING FONMIN ETIANG, ACTING FONMIN PERMSEC NTIMBA, AND ACTING HEALTH MINISTER DR. RWAKIHEMBO. LATTER TOLD HIM HE EXPECTS HEAD GOU DELEGATION TO WHA.

2. ON BASIS HIS DISCUSSIONS HAN HAS HOPES UGANDA WILL ABSTAIN (AT BEST) IF THERE IS VOTE ON NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. SAYS HE HAS REASON TO HOPE, IF ATMOSPHERE AT WHA IS " GOOD." THAT UGANDA WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT TILL NEXT YEAR OR FOR REFERRAL TO UNGA. HOWEVER, HE SAID ETIANG TOLD HIM REPEATEDLY THAT UGANDA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE " AGAINST" NORTH KOREA NOW THAT IT HAS RECOGNIZED THAT COUNTRY AND HAS ACCEPTED AN AMBASSADOR. ALSO, ETIANG SAID, UGANDA IS " NON- ALIGNED" AND WILL HAVE TO VOTE " ACCORDINGLY."

3. COMMENT: MY OWN GUESS IS THAT GOU DEL WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF
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NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION UNLESS MAJORITY APPEARS TO BE ON OTHER SIDE AND IT INCLUDES GOODLY NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES.

4. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL I TOLD HAN WE WERE PREPARED SUPPORT HIS EFFORT IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE IF HE THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE. WE AGREED THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN OUR SECONDING HIS APPROACH AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE, SINCE THESE DAYS WE ARE IN A LITTLE LESS GOOD ODOR WITH GOU THAN NORMALLY.

5. HAN EXPECTS GOODWILL MISSION HEADED BY FORMER P. M. PAEK TOO CHIN (SEOUL 2125) TO ARRIVE KAMPALA MID- MAY.
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